(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) इन समितियों के क्षेत्राधिकार के अन्तर्गत आने वाले गांवों, जहां बिजली नहीं है, का कब तक विद्युतीकरण कर दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) से (घ) इस समय, राजस्थान में केवल एक ग्राम विद्युतीकरण सहकारी सोसायटी कार्यरत है जोकि सवाईमाधोपुर जिले के टोडाभीम ब्लाक को कवर करती है । इस परियोजना के अन्तर्गत, रूरल इलैक्ट्रिफिकेशन कारपोरेशन (आर.ई.सी.) द्वारा सोसायटी को ऋण के रूप में 97.30 लाख रुपये प्रदान किए गए हैं और राजस्थान सरकार को 35 लाख रुपये प्रदान किए हैं ताकि उनके द्वारा सोसायटी की शेयर पूंजी में अंशदान किया जा सके । सोसायटी से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार, सोसायटी क्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत शामिल सभी 148 गांवों का विद्युतीकरण किया जा चुका है ।

Allocations for Koel-Karo Project

2363. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned only Rs. 5 crores this year for Koel-Karo hydel project; and

(b) if so, whether this allocation is considered sufficient for timely completion of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAO) : (a) Out of the total budgetary support allocated by the Government to NHPC for 1992-93, NHPC had earmarked Rs. 5 crores for the Koel Karo Hydro-electric Project. However, the Planning Commission has recently agreed to allocation of an additional amount of Rs. 10 crores for this project in 1992-93.

(b) No, Sir. Timely completion of the project would depend upon availability of sufficient additional funds for the project during the 8th Plan.

रिहन्द जल विद्युत परियोजना में से मध्य प्रदेश के हिस्से को दिया जाना

2364. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग** : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश स्थित रिहन्द जल विद्युत परियोजना में मध्य प्रदेश का 15 प्रतिशत हिस्सा है और मध्य प्रदेश को कई वर्षों से यह हिस्सा नहीं दिया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ताकि मध्य प्रदेश को उसके हिस्से की बिजली मिल सके; और

(ग) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश के हिस्से की बिजली का उपयोग करने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश का कोई भुगतान किया है, यदि नहीं, तो सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) से (ग) रिहन्द जल विद्युत परियोजना उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य बिजली बोर्ड की परियोजना है । उत्तर प्रदेश तथा मध्य प्रदेश के बीच हुए द्विपक्षीय समझौते के तहत मध्य प्रदेश रिहन्द से उत्पादित विद्युत के 15% भाग का हिस्सेदार है जोकि साल-दर-साल ऊर्जा की उपलब्धता पर आधारित है । ऐसा न होने पर मुआवजा दिया जाता है । यह मुद्दा एक द्विपक्षीय मुद्दा है और किसी भी पार्टी ने केन्द्रीय सरकार के हस्तक्षेप की मांग नहीं की है ।

Standing Committee Report on Clearance of Power Projects

2365. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any report has been submitted by the High Power Standing Committee regarding clearance of the pending power projects; and

(b) what is the unmber of sittings that Standing Committee had undertaken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) No, Sir. There is no such Committee.

(b) Does not arise.

Execution of Parbati Hydel Project

2366. DR. SANJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been signed between five States for the execution of the Parbati Hydel Power Project with a capacity of over 22,000 M. W. at an estimated cost of Rs. 6,000 crores; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Rajasthan, Haryana, Gujarat, National Capital Territory of Delhi and Himachal Pradesh in October, 1992 to collaborate in the joint investigations and execution of the Stage-II and Stage-III including transmission system of Parbati Valley Hydro Electric Project and for taking up feasibility level investigation of Stage-I. The total estimated cost of the above projects is Rs. 2396.32 crores. The total megawatt of power expected to be generated on completion of the above projects is 2051 MW.

Neglect of Hydel Power Capacity in the Country

2367. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has the potential of generating one lakh MW of hydro-electric power at present;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country produces only 12 per cent of that potential;

(c) if so, the reasons for low percentage of the output; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve the production rate ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The country's economically exploitable hydro potential has been assessed by Central Electricity Authority as 84044 MW at 60% load factor with corresponding annual energy generation as 600 billion units.

(b) Out of the above assessed total hydro power potential, so far 14.45% has been developed and 7% is at present under development.

(c) The main reasons for low percentage of hydro in the overall power generating capacity are :

— The bulk of the untapped hydro-electric resources lies in the States which do not have resources for developing them;

— Inter-State disputes in sharing of water resources;

— Financial constraints;

— Problems in land acquisition, problem in afforestation and rehabilitation of oustees;

— Delay in execution due to geological surprise.

(d) In order to improve hydro generation share in the overall generating capacity in the country, Govt. of India have constituted a 'Group' to identify new hydel projects on which advance action needs to be taken during the 8th Five Year Plan and for suggesting a Plan of action for implementing these projects expeditiously so as to get benefits from these schemes by the end of 9th Plan. Further, keeping in view the constraints in financial resources it has been decided to associate Private Sector participation in power development including hydel power setcor.

Cost of Power Production

2368. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 203 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1992 and state the cost of power production in